

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AG and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEES
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY**

MONDAY, October 12, 2015 – 11:00 AM

Ag & Extension Meeting Room – Courthouse, Darlington

Members Present: John Bartels, Carol Korn, Larry Ludlum, and Leon Wolfe

Others Present: Lori Berget, Mary Knellwolf, Ted Bay

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Bartels at 11:00 a.m.

Berget stated that the meeting had been properly posted in the Ag Center, Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building, and sent to the Republican Journal.

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Korn to approve the Agenda for the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on October 12, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Korn and second by Wolfe to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on September 2, 2015. Motion carried.

Discussion and Update on Civil Rights

Lafayette County will be reviewed in 2016 – keep track in your monthly reports.

Discussion and Update on the 2016 UW-Extension Budget

No additional comments made since previous meeting. Ludlum attended Budget Meeting last week and Budget for UW-Extension stands as previously documented.

Discussion and Update on Joint UW-Extension Ag Educators with Grant and Lafayette Counties

A discussion between Committee reviewed the current policy for mileage reimbursement for Ag Educators. Motion by Korn and second by Wolfe to pay \$.45 per mile for Stalsberg from his start date in June 2015 through December 2015 for his travels from Grant County office to Lafayette County office (round trip). Motion carried.

Educator Reports

Stalsberg provided a written report in his absence.

Berget: WEKZ radio interviews on Monday morning; a listening session was attended by Berget and Bay at UW-Platteville on direction of UW-Extension; 4-H Leaders Banquet was held on October 4 at Lafayette County Fairgrounds with a very large turnout.

Bay: Provided a printed copy of Crop & Farm Management meeting he attended with DNR Technician training; large bail wrapping; manure expo is being planned for 2017 in Wisconsin; WDATCP nutrient management training; land lease forum on land rent outlook for farmers; Ag plastics recycling; farm succession planning; clean chemical sweep for 2016 grant application; Ag lenders Tri-State conference in Dubuque; answered many inquiries on rental rates; leases; fertilizer; fall alfalfa cuttings; and pricing hay and corn silage.

Knellwolf: Return to work on October 1, 2015 after medical leave.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2017 Clean Sweep Program

Working with Grant and Iowa County to write grant in 2016 for a 2017 Clean Sweep Program for farm chemicals, household chemicals and electronics. Motion was made by Wolfe and second by Korn that Lafayette County participate in a 2017 Clean Sweep Program. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on County Tire Removal Day(s)

Berget and Bay have been working on a contract for tire removal. Berget presented information on cost of car tires, truck tires, tractor tires, as well as price per ton. This would be a location (First Capitol Salvage) for all residents to dispose of their tires at a cost per tire.

Review of Vouchers

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Ludlum to approve the vouchers.

Next Meeting Date & Items for Agenda

The next meeting will be November 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Ludlum and second by Wolfe to adjourn meeting at noon. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Knellwolf

MINUTES

JOINT LAFAYETTE/GRANT COUNTIES AG EXTENSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 12, 2015 at 1 PM

UW-PLATTEVILLE PIONEER FARM

Attendance:

Lafayette County: Leon Wolfe, Larry Ludlum, John Bartels, Carol Korn

Grant County: Grant Loy, John Patcle, Roger Guthry, Bob Keeney, Mark Stead, Pat Schroeder

UW Extension Staff: Mary Knellwolf, Lori Berget, Ted Bay, Bev Doll, Kory Stalsberg, Matt Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm.

Both county's posted agendas in their respective counties as noted on the bottom of their respective agendas.

Stead moved to approve the agenda. Loy 2nd. Motion passed.

Wolfe started discussion of the MOU, stating that Lafayette County was willing to approve 2 days for the Livestock Specialist in addition to leaving the Crop Specialist the same (at 2 days).

Schroeder moved "that Lafayette County approved 2 days for the Livestock Agent in addition to leaving the Crop Agent the same (at 2 days) for 2016." Stead 2nd the motion. Motion passed

A brief discussion was had concerning mileage – Lafayette County pays .45 per mile to county employees, and Grant County pays Federal Rate (which is currently 57.5 cents per mile) to county employees. Leon asked if it would be acceptable to the Ag Agents to receive the .45 per mile as other county employees do – and pay the Livestock Agent for his mileage from Grant County Office to Lafayette County Office 2 days per week (same as the Crop Agent). Stead discussed the possibility of Grant County Ag & Extension Committee paying the difference in the mileage to the Ag Agents (so that they were receiving the same as other Grant county employees).

Stead moved "Grant County Ag & Extension Committee will pay the Ag Agents the difference between IRS Rate and Lafayette County's mileage rate) for 2016." Schroeder 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Hanson asked if Grant County wanted to keep both Ag Agents as 100% Grant County employees or make the change on the 133 contract for the Livestock Agent. Discussion followed, and Kory (Livestock Agent) decided to remain 100% Grant County Employee – contracted out to Lafayette County.

Kory asked if the 2nd day in Lafayette County needed to be a scheduled day. . . or if it could be a floating day. Lafayette County Committee agreed that it could be a floating day.

Changes to be made to the MOU (Grant County will make the changes, sign the MOU and send to Lafayette County to be signed) – changes included: 2b – add “December 31, 2016”; 3b – add “at Lafayette County mileage rate.”

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at UW Platteville College Farm.

Meeting adjourned. Motion Korn. Second Wolfe. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Lori Berget, Lafayette County 4-H Youth Educator